



## The State Examination

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's State Examination is the final step in the licensure process. This exam can be taken only after all academic requirements are completed, the supervised post degree clinical experience is completed, the national written examination in marital and family therapy is passed, and the application for state licensure is approved by the Board's Application Committee. Those who seek licensure by reciprocity must also pass this examination.

Once the application for state licensure has been approved, an applicant will be notified as to the scheduling of the state oral examination. The examination is conducted by a panel of Board members each month and lasts about forty-five minutes. Those who pass this examination will leave with license in hand after paying a pro-rated annual license fee.

The oral examination shall cover:

- A. The applicant's knowledge of the laws governing marriage and family therapists.
- B. The applicant's knowledge of the code of ethics.
- C. The applicant's awareness of the responsibilities to the Board and to the public.
- D. Other practice-related areas.

The following list contains some of the statutes and rules related to the practice of marriage and family therapy in Minnesota. However, this list is *not* intended to be an exhaustive list of the laws and the rules related to the practice of marriage and family therapy in Minnesota. The rules and statutes may be found on the board's web site at [www.bmft.state.mn.us](http://www.bmft.state.mn.us) or in most libraries.

The Board assumes that most applicants will have encountered the subject matter of the examination in their academic work and/or in their post degree supervised experience.

Minnesota Statute:	Description of Statute:
<a href="#">M.S. 144.291-144.3345</a>	Access to Health Records
<a href="#">M.S. 148B</a>	Board of Marriage & Family Therapy and the Minnesota Department of Health (Office of Mental Health Practice)
<a href="#">M.S. 148.975</a>	Duty to Warn
<a href="#">M.S. 604.20-205</a>	Action for sexual exploitation; psychotherapists
<a href="#">M.S. 626</a>	Reports
<a href="#">M.S. 214</a>	Disciplinary Action
<a href="#">M.S. 245.462</a>	Mental health professional defined
<a href="#">M.S. 245.4871</a>	Mental health professional also defined
<a href="#">M.S. 253B</a>	Civil Commitment Act
<a href="#">M.S. 144.341-.347</a>	Consent of minors for health services
Minnesota Rules:	Description of Rule:
<a href="#">M.R. 5300.0100-5300.0360</a>	Minnesota Board of Marriage & Family Therapy Permanent Rules